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DE 44 24 201 discloses that a lock for the door of a washing machine has a clamp or bracket on the housing with a locking device on the door. This has a pivoting latch (8) with an arm (11) and at least one control lever (9). An electric switch (18) is controlled by the control lever and latch. The basic design has selectable additional modules. One of these is a childproof and/or scald protection unit. The switch is in a space-saving location, such as behind the control lever. On the control lever there is a switch arm (17) whose path is guided by the door surface and which turns the switch on and off. An elongated hole (7) acts as the link between the pivot arm and the latch.

DE 195 04 928 discloses that the machine has a door with a lock which can be released by means of a pivoted flap working against spring pressure. The flap can also be slid in the direction of its pivot axis against spring force from a locking home position where it contacts a stud to an end position where there is no contact. On the pivot axle (8) of the flap (5) is a locking lug (13) which in the home position engages in a slit (14) in a wall (11) and the axial width of the lug is shorter than the free axial adjustment path of the flap. The wall is part of a handle shell set in the door, open on one side.

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